



The ANIMAL DREAMING SCHOOL OF EARTH MEDICINE presents:

The OFFICIAL ANIMAL DREAMING PRACTITIONER COURSE?

The Animal Dreaming Practitioner Course is:

- The culmination of more than 20 years of Scott's life work as a human, spiritual teacher, author, workshop facilitator and public speaker
- The bringing together of all his seemingly random, unrelated workshops and courses into one unified, meaningful journey
- The fusion of shamanic lore, wiccan tradition, totemic knowledge and animist belief into one, fundamental, Earth-based philosophy known simply as ANIMAL DREAMING

From Scott's notes: *"Although heavily imbued with traditional Shamanic wisdom, I call my path ANIMAL DREAMING: a fresh, new approach to Shamanic lore that is easily understood and integrated into today's modern lifestyle. Although contemplating the world from the two traditional and distinct shamanic perspectives: the tangible and the non-tangible, Animal Dreaming acknowledges, but rarely feels the need to implement any customary Shamanic ceremony or ritual (as such) into its implementation. It simply asks that we live an interconnected life with the world around us - to 'walk gently', if you like. Following a more 'animist' approach, its message is simple: Look to the animals for guidance, interpret their medicine or Dreaming messages, and incorporate the acumen obtained into your life and give thanks. The animals never make mistakes and if we can heed their example, we will never make mistakes again, either.*

People confuse the concept of Animal Dreaming with the new wave of interest directed toward Animal Communication, or the intuitive ability to talk to the animals. Although I appreciate and respect the concept, I am not a 'horse whisperer'. I do not talk to people's pets. I can talk to animals. We all can. But it's not my strength. It's not my medicine. Instead, I observe and interpret their tangible wisdom, demonstrated by how they relate to their kind, other species and their environment, and then integrate what they have 'to say' into my life. We are all animals - mammals in fact, and the understanding that we can communicate with the animals comes from the fact that we are all one. We all, ultimately, share the same thoughts. What I do looks at the wisdom of the animals from a medicine point of view. The animals understand their sacred purpose and they honour it, not to enhance their place in the world, but rather to demonstrate how we can enhance ours. The animals are tangible. They are real. Their wisdom is ancient and all embracing. When we begin to look to the animals for guidance, we begin to remember Spirit. Incorporating the wisdom of the animals into our life is as easy and as natural as breathing.

It is as simple as realising that if the Earth is our Mother, then perhaps we are her children, and just as any mother would want to see her children thrive, our Earth Mother's love for us is no different. She supports us, cradles us and whispers her support to us every hour of every day. She speaks metaphorically. She uses symbols, and her symbols are the animals. My books, Animal Dreaming and Animal Messenger, were written as spiritual field guides, as interpretation manuals for the Children of the Earth Mother so that they may remember her secret language and once again look to the animals as equals, teachers, guides and healers. My workshops and seminars are offered as support to my books - to help people understand and assimilate the medicine ways of the animals into their lives on a day-to-day basis so that we may ALL heal and walk into the future united as a people. My readings, however, tap into the non-tangible realms by offering people the chance to recognise their innate animal aspect - their totems, power animals and animal spirit guides. I have been able to see, understand and interpret their messages for years, and it is with great joy that I share this ability with you."

- An interactive way of bringing the wisdom imbued in Scott's books, oracle cards and CDs 'home' for those interested enough to read them, and a way of making Scott's view of the world personal, practical and tangible to those drawn to explore it

It is also:



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- A celebration of Scott's passion and love for nature, and a powerful way of confirming yours
- A dedication to Scott's love of the animals, and a way of anchoring yours
- A commitment to the energies that instilled a sense of sanctity in Scott's heart and offered him direction, hope, healing and purpose in life
- An honouring of Scott's personal journey; a lineage that incorporates his personal (two year intensive) training / apprenticeship under an Elder who, herself, was trained under Māori Elders, Aboriginal Elders (both men and women alike) and Native American Elders from Alaska through to Central America.
- While Scott was taught many things during his apprenticeship, Animal Dreaming is his own personal philosophy: the realisation of his own medicine, purpose and world vision for peace and unity.

Scott writes: *"In my writings, I refer to my Elder / Teacher as 'Grandmother Dreaming Woman' mainly because that's her medicine; she's a Dreaming Woman and although she's only a few years older than me, she's considered a grandmother. It's a term of respect. It doesn't refer to her age, but rather her 'ancient knowledge' or wisdom. Grandmother Dreaming Woman was a huge part of my life and my spiritual growth. She helped me to understand many things about myself and the things that had happened to me. For example, she explained that perhaps I had, in some way, agreed to all that I had experienced. She was the first to suggest that Spirit doesn't make mistakes and that nothing happens by chance. While I was with her, she literally pulled my familiar self apart with one hand, and rebuilt me with the other so that my true self could shine. It had never done that before, and the consequences excited me no end. I was with her from 8am until around 7pm. Some days I just read texts and other manuscripts she gave me to study, like 'the Emerald Tablets' or 'The Terra Papers', which recount the spiritual history of the known Universe (according to a native man named 'Morning Star'). So, some days I simply read and asked questions of Grandmother Dreaming Woman as she ironed or cooked ... but other days, she would send me out into the fields or the bush to Vision Quest. Other days we would time preparing the Sweat Lodge, and then engage in the ceremony for several hours. These days were particularly powerful for me; life-changing, actually. I met my Grandmother for the very first time in Sweat Lodge (she had been dead for quite a few years). She appeared as a vision. It was quite an amazing time during which time Grandmother Dreaming Woman literally pulled me apart so that, piece by piece, I could put myself back together. She was an amazing teacher. Although I learned a lot from her, though, she didn't do anything particularly special. She would just talk about all sorts of things and I sort of 'remembered' what she was telling me. I can't explain it any other way - it all just slotted into place. One day, for example, I arrived at to her house to find her skinning a Raven (her totem). She was skinning the Raven as part of her medicine, and I asked "What are you doing?" and she explained that she was honouring the spirit of the Raven because it had helped her heal and that's where her birth name had come from, so I asked her, "Can you explain a bit about that?" and she talked about totems and power animals and I swear, this sudden download took place and everything just fell into place. Everything made sense and I understood things that I haven't even considered before. I found myself remembering things that I hadn't even realised I had forgotten, and I can honestly say that she helped me to find peace with myself and other people."*

The Animal Dreaming Practitioner Course is not:

- Spiritual law or 'the only truth'. This is Scott's personal truth and, while he chooses to live by it, he does not expect (or want) any one to feel obliged to make it theirs. As he always says, what he teaches is only the truth 'in his world', and by that he means he is offering it as a template for anyone to use to build their personal truth around.
- The 'be all and end all' of all things Animal Dreaming. As a philosophy, Animal Dreaming is always enhancing, expanding and growing, and there will never be a end to its evolution.
- The end of being free to do Scott's workshops, courses and retreats for the sheer pleasure of participating in them. Scott would be thrilled to have you attend his other workshops, etc. for your own interest and enjoyment without feeling obliged to complete the Animal Dreaming Practitioner Course. You may just want to learn to make a Dream Catcher with Scott, for example, without then having to commit to the entire Practitioner Course so, if this is you, then by all means ... when you see Scott offering a Dream Catcher workshop, please FEEL FREE TO BOOK IN. But even if you have completed the Course, and you still want to attend one of Scott's workshops in the future ... book in and treat it like any other personal or professional development day. Attending Scott's workshops, even after completing the Course, will only keep you up to date with any new information, revised or improved techniques, and who the newest members of the Animal Dreaming Community are.



Can I get Insurance as an ANIMAL DREAMING PRACTITIONER?

ANIMAL DREAMING is officially approved as an accredited training provider by the IICT (IICT is underwritten by QBE).

This means that Animal Dreaming, as a MODALITY (Practitioner) Course, is officially recognised by various complimentary therapist insurance providers.

All those who successfully complete the Animal Dreaming Practitioner Course will be recognised as official Animal Dreaming Practitioners and will be eligible for insurance through IICT under the official ANIMAL DREAMING banner.

You can only be insured as an Animal Dreaming practitioner if you've successfully completed the FULL Animal Dreaming Practitioner Course.

If you have completed ANY OF Scott's WORKSHOPS, RETREATS OR COURSES in the past, you've already begun your journey to becoming an Official, Certified Animal Dreaming Practitioner because many of these workshops are included in the Practitioner Course in one form or another.

By creating the Practitioner Course, we have provided protection and FREEDOM to our practitioners to practise freely ... just as they should feel safe to do.

The Course certifies Animal Dreaming as a Modality (in the same way as Reiki and Therapeutic Massage are). But the main difference between Animal Dreaming and, say Reiki ... or Massage, Numerology or ANY OTHER Modality, is that Animal Dreaming is Scott's own CREATION. It's his philosophy, remembering, training ... it's his personal work, based on his lifetime of LEARNING AND REMEMBERING. None of what you'll learn has been taught to Scott. Sure, he trained under an Elder ... but he wasn't *trained* in Animal Dreaming. Anyone who comes to Scott to learn can now do so KNOWING they're safe to go out and share what they've learned with others. We are also very proud to know those who choose to certify themselves under the Animal Dreaming banner can gain insurance the countless other therapeutic, alternative and spirit-based modalities being offered under the IICT banner. To be clear, we are not saying one way or another if we believe practitioners (in general) SHOULD be covered by insurance. Instead, we are simply OFFERING all Animal Dreaming graduates the professional courtesy of choice.

As one of the original Animal Dreaming Practitioners once said, when asked 'why be certified and eligible for insurance', *"It only takes one sceptic to sue, and then you have to prove your word against theirs. And to be qualified means that a level of knowledge, understanding, competency and responsibility has been passed on. The universe provides and protects for those who are true. There is light and dark in everything. A tree can't grow without both, and neither can we. Everyone uses some sort of protection: psychic, guides, clothes for our skin, shoes for our feet, a roof over our head. Insurance is simply a financial one"*.



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